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### **“Yielding to Emergency Vehicles”**

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 46.61.210 states in part, “(1) Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle making use of audible and visual signals . . . or of a police vehicle properly and lawfully making use on an audible signal only the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right of way and shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of any intersection and shall stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by a police officer. . . .”

Pedestrians shall also yield the right of way to authorized emergency vehicles.

Failure to yield the right of way to an authorized emergency vehicle may result in being issued a traffic infraction which carries a \$101 fine.

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